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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Breakfast Briefing of Senator Henry Bellmon et al

25X1A [REDACTED] 1. This morning Senators Henry L. Bellmon (R., Okla.), Paul J. Fannin (R., Ariz.), Clifford P. Hansen (R., Wyo.), William V. Roth, Jr. (R., Del.), Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.), and Theodore Stevens (R., Alaska) visited Headquarters for a breakfast briefing by the Director. Also present were General Walters and Messrs. Colby, [REDACTED] and me.

2. In the informal discussion following breakfast the Director:

a. Briefly summarized the origins and history of the Agency and its raison d'etre.

b. Answered questions regarding our capabilities regarding SALT verification.

c. Noted the basic mistakes leading to the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

d. Explained that he could not discuss specific figures on budget and personnel.

e. Noted the problems created by leaks of classified information.

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f. Explained the factors leading to the Egyptian eviction of Soviet military elements.

g. Hit hard at allegations of Agency involvement in narcotics.

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h. Commented, together with [REDACTED] on the present situation in North Vietnam.

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